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PREFER POSTPONEMENT

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1. POL COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF MET WITH QUAI AFRICAN
DIRECTOR GEORGY AFTERNOON AUGUST 22 TO DISCUSS PRO-
POSED PARIS MEETING ON PAN AFRICAN FORCE. AS
ANTICIPATED, GEORGY SAID THAT BRITISH PREFERRED POST-
POSTPONE MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18 IN ORDER
HAVE A MORE PRECISE VIEW OF ZAIRE SITUATION AND
BECAUSE SENIOR RESPONSIBLE UK OFFICIALS WOULD NOT BE
AVAILABLE. WE INFORMED GEORGY THAT WE WERE AWARE OF
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BRITISH POSITION, HAD INFORMED WASHINGTON, AND THAT
WASHINGTON PREFERENCE WAS TO HOLD MEETING AS SCHEDULED
AUGUST 28. FINAL DECISION, HOWEVER, WAS UP TO GOF
AS HOSTS OF MEETING. GEORGY SAID THAT UNLESS USG
HAD VERY STRONG OBJECTIONS TO POSTPONEMENT, HE PRE-
FERRED TO WAIT UNTIL THE BRITISH WOULD BE ABLE TO
PARTICIPATE AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL. THE FACT THAT THE

BRITISH HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT PARTICIPANTS EVEN AT THE JUNE 5 MEETING REINFORCED THIS INCLINATION; GEORGY SAID IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE BRITISH FULLY ENGAGED IN ORDER TO INSURE A WESTERN CONSENSUS WHICH CAN PRODUCE RESULTS. GEORGE SAID AN ADDITIONAL REASON WHY HE FAVORED POSTPONEMENT WAS UNAVAILABILITY BEFORE EARLY SEPTEMBER OF FRG AFRICAN EXPERT, MUELLER, WHOSE PARTICIPATION GEORGE VALUES.

2. WE TOLD GEORGY THAT IN VIEW OF FRENCH PREFERENCE WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON WOULD ACCEPT POSTPONEMENT. WE UNDERTOOK TO PROPOSE SEPTEMBER 18 AND 19 AS NEW DATES FOR THE MEETING. GEORGY SAID HE WOULD TAKE SOUNDINGS AMONG OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND LET US KNOW. REQUEST WASHINGTON REACTION TO NEW DATES.

3. WE INFORMED GEORGY OF OUR PREFERENCE FOR INVITING AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE AFRICAN FORCE IN SHABA TO SEND DELEGATIONS TO THE MEETING, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THIS WOULD PRESENT CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES. GEORGY TOOK A FIRM POSITION AGAINST INVITING AFRICAN PARTICIPATION. FIRSTLY, SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AN UNPUBLICIZED MEETING WHICH GOF CONSIDERS VERY IMPORTANT. SECOND REASONS WAS THAT MENTIONED REF A, I.E., THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS WOULD COME EQUIPPED WITH INFLATED LIST OF THEIR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, GEORGY FELT THAT AT A MEETING SUCH AS THIS WHERE AFRICANS WOULD NECESSARILY BE DEMANDEURS THE RESULT WOULD BE AN IMPRESSION OF A PATRONIZING ATTITUDE.

4. GEORGY AGREED THAT AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS IN SHABA FORCE MUST BE FULLY INFORMED OF AND ENGAGED IN RESULTS OF MEETING. HIS PREFERENCE IS TO INFORM THEM IN CAPITALS, BUT THIS SHOULD, IN ANY CASE, BE A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING.

5. WE GAVE GEORGY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS CONTAINED REF A. AFTER READING THEM HE SAID THAT THESE WOULD PROBABLY POSE NO PROBLEM, AND ADDED THAT THE ITEMS ON OUR EARLIER LIST HAD BEEN APPROVED ALL OF OUR PARTICIPANTS.

6. FYI: DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE FRENCH HAVE BILLED THIS MEETING TO THE BRITISH, GERMANS, AND BELGIANS AS A US INITIATIVE. END FYI.
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